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1. CAPTAIN BASCO DISCLOSED IN CONVERSATION RECENTLY THAT ROHR BUS MANUFACTURING PROPOSAL HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND IS BEING EVALUATED BY PHILIPPINE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS (BOI) TOGETHER WITH OTHER APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED UNDER PROGRESSIVE TRUCK MANUFACTURING PROGRAM (PTMP). IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, BASCO STATED THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A SUB-CATEGORY OR OTHER FORM OF SEPARATE CLASSIFICATION FOR BUS MANUFACTURING BUT THAT ROHR AND ANY OTHER BUS APPLICATIONS WILL BE TREATED ENTIRELY WITHIN THE OPERATIVE REGULATIONS OF THE PROGRESSIVE TRUCK MANUFACTURING PROGRAM. GROUND RULES FOR THIS PROGRAM ARE STILL BEING FORMULATED BY BOI, WHICH HAS SOLICITED AND RECEIVED SEVERAL PROPOSALS FROM TRUCK MANUFACTURERS. BOI IS REFINING ITS IDEAS AS IT EVALUATES APPLICATIONS IN HAND AND IS PROCEEDING SLOWLY AND DELIBERATELY TO ENSURE THAT PTMP WILL BE AS SUCCESSFUL AS PROGRESSIVE CAR MANUFACTURING PROGRAM.

2. GM TEAM WHICH EARLIER VISITED MANILA HAS SUBMITTED PROPOSAL FOR FULL-SCALE TRANSPORTATION STUDY. GM AND GOP UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE SEEKING OUTSIDE FUNDING FOR STUDY, CONCEIVABLY FROM

FOUNDATION SUCH AS FORD FOUNDATION. ANY INFLUENCE OF GM ACTIVITIES ON BUS MANUFACTURING WILL CLEARLY BE WELL INTO FUTURE.

3. BASCO'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS BUS MANUFACTURING APPEARED AT RECENT MEETING TO BE SOMEWHAT DETACHED, AND EMBASSY SURMISES THAT WITH PLACING OF ROHR APPLICATION WITH BOI UNDER TRUCK MANUFACTURING, BASCO NO LONGER IS AS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR BUS MANUFACTURING AS HERETOFORE. EMPHASIS OF PROJECT WOULD ALSO SEEM TO HAVE SHIFTED WITH SUBSUMING OF BUSES UNDER TRUCKS. IT WOULD APPEAR, THEREFORE, THAT PHILIPPINES AND SINGAPORE ARE PROCEEDING ON PATHS WITH LESS OVERLAP THAN PREVIOUSLY SEEMED LIKELY, ALTHOUGH THEIR MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN ASEAN WILL OBVIOUSLY CONTINUE TO BE AFFECTED BY EACH OTHER'S PLANS.
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